

# **Formula for Disaster** **METHAMPHETAMINE**

## **WARNING:**

**Illegal Manufacturing of Dangerous Drug Puts Landlords,  
Real Estate Agents, and Property Managers at Risk.**

Michigan Public Health and Law Enforcement officials are warning Michigan landlords, real estate agents, and property managers that rental properties are being used for clandestine cooking sites for the highly dangerous illegal drug, Methamphetamine.

The vast majority of cookers are using rental properties to manufacture Methamphetamine.



## **Danger:**

The activities associated with the production of Methamphetamine are extremely dangerous and highly toxic. Clandestine sites are prone to explosions, fires, and toxic waste contamination.

Anyone coming into contact with a site can face serious injury, or death, from collapsed lungs, burns, or other injuries associated with contamination or explosions.

Methamphetamine clandestine manufacturing sites are extremely unstable and dangerous. Houses, furnishings, and surrounding land and ground water are easily contaminated and considered toxic waste sites. Methamphetamine clandestine manufacturing sites require specialized cleanup and disposal procedures. The cost of clean up is the responsibility of the property owner therefore, officials are urging landlords, real estate agents, and property managers to report the slightest suspicious activity before a clandestine manufacturing site can be assembled.

## **What to look for:**

Landlords, real estate agents, and property managers are being asked to look for and report any of the following suspicious activities:

- Strong/strange odor coming from inside room
- Windows open all day/night, including winter
- Renters carrying in propane grill tanks, gas cans, tubing, glass canning jars, coolers.
- Boxes of hardware components instead of luggage
- Unusual traffic all hours of the day and night
- Trash left behind that includes coffee filters, lithium batteries, acetone, cold tablet packages, plastic hoses, iodine, and lye packages.

## **To report a meth lab immediately call 911**

Authorities also warn that no one should attempt to enter the site of a clandestine manufacturing operation, or try to detain anyone associated with the production of Methamphetamine. Instead, they should immediately call 911 or the nearest law enforcement agency. The dispatcher should be alerted to the fact that the location is a possible Methamphetamine site (so first responders can take the proper safety precautions upon arriving on the scene.)

Suspicious activities can also be reported to the Michigan State Police Methamphetamine Tip Line

## **To report suspicious activities 1-866-METH TIP**

The State Police tip line is available, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All calls to the MSP tip line remain anonymous and confidential.

### **Additional information regarding this bulletin and Methamphetamine Training:**

**Michigan Department of Community Health**  
Office of Drug Control Policy  
517/373-2952  
[www.michigan.gov/meth](http://www.michigan.gov/meth)

**Michigan State Police**  
Criminal Investigation Division  
517/336-6221  
[www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp)

